

Matthew 5:4-5

Application Questions

1. The second beatitude speaks of mourning over sin (v. 4). Is it easier for you to mourn over your own sins or the sins of others? Is it easier for you to mourn over how you've sinned against others or how you've sinned against God? Explain. Where is the Holy Spirit challenging you to mourn more over sin? How might this lead to increased comfort?
2. How does the world define meekness (v. 5)? How does the Bible describe it? What actions or attitudes of Christ most clearly demonstrate meekness to you? (See Matthew 11:28-29, 1 Peter 2:21-23 and Philippians 2:5-8.) How do you respond when others point out your faults or correct you?
3. Do you agree that meekness is not weakness but rather strength under control? Why or why not? How do the meek inherit the earth (1 Corinthians 3:21-23, Luke 18:28-30)?